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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 9, 2002, Applicants respectfully request that Examiner consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

(Twice Amended) A communication station comprising:

a plurality of wireless communication channels including full-rate communication channels and reserved, reduced-rate communication channels; and

control logic, responsive to call requests received from subscriber units in a coverage area of the communication station, to select either a full-rate communication channel or a reserved, reduced rate communication channel to facilitate a communication session, wherein the control logic selectively employs a reserved, reduced rate

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